

Brent's Team walks to cure juvenile diabetes



Brent's Team- 2005

Brent Eckman and his team of family and friends are getting ready for the annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes." The walk will be held at Oaks Park, located in Portland's historic Sellwood District. The walk will be Sunday, Oct. 1. Check-in is at 10 a.m., with the walk beginning at 11 a.m. After the walk, every walker gets a complimentary ride bracelet for Oaks Amusement Park.

This is the fifth year that "Brent's Team" will be participating in the walk. His team has raised a total of \$23,000.

There are four ways you can help make a difference for Brent and those living with diabetes:

-You can join Brent's team for the walk. You can register online at www.jdrf.org. Be sure to use

"Brent's Team" under the team name.

-You can send a tax deductible contribution, made payable to JDRF to Brent Eckman, P.O. Box 463, Lexington, OR 97839.

-You can purchase tickets for a quilt made by his grandma Gwen Healy. The tickets are for sale at Heppner TV or by calling Brent or Gwen.

-You can purchase a sneaker for \$1 each at both Heppner schools or Murray's Drug.

With your support, JDRF will continue its mission to find a cure for juvenile diabetes and its complications through the support of research. "With your help, our dream of a world without diabetes is within reach."

For more information, contact Brent Eckman at 989-8518.

Chamber Chatter

Cycle Oregon, a Huge Success

By Mahaley Huddleston

Heppner was fortunate to host Cycle Oregon the weekend of Sept. 10. The cyclists didn't get into Heppner until Sunday, but the community of Heppner began working hard on Saturday (and long before that) to show the cyclists a great time.

Tents for the cyclists were set up on the football field, Heritage Park and the school grounds. The cyclists were allowed to rest a little bit after their ride from Umatilla, but with all the fun activities Heppner had to offer, why would they?

Alita Nelson was in charge of the local entertainment that took place on Sunday at the Shamrock. The

entertainment included old time music from the Blue Mountain String Band, cheerleading and dancing from HHS Cheerleaders, a local rock band "All Eyes Fixed," the cemetery répertory theatre players, Irish and country comedy by Joe and Leanne Lindsay and "Cul an Ti" (The Back Porch) Celtic band playing into the night. The community also had different vendors here and stores also opened for the cyclists, even though it was Sunday.

The community of Heppner really pulled together to show not only the cyclists, but in the end, themselves, a great Cycle Oregon experience.

HHS celebrates homecoming week

This year's Homecoming theme is "Pummel the Bobcats" and the week started on Friday with each class decorating their hall.

On Monday, the dress up day was dress like your parents and the contest between the classes was a blind relay, where one classmate was blindfolded and the other classmates had to shout out directions to the blindfolded to find an object.

On Tuesday, the dress up day was aluminum foil day and the activity was a hot dog eating contest.

On Wednesday, the dress up day is "Camo without the ammo" where students will wear

NEACT October meeting rescheduled

The North East Area Commission on Transportation (NEACT) will not be holding a meeting in October. Their next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Region 5 Headquarters, located at 3012 Island Avenue, La Grande.

The NEACT, comprised of transportation stakeholders from Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties, and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, helps identify and prioritize transportation-related projects in the five-county area. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities, per the Americans with Disabilities Act. The general public is invited to attend.

Topics listed on the

agenda for the November meeting include an update on the Tollgate Highway Project, a presentation on the Draft 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updates on the ConnectOregon and Workforce Alliance programs. Additional announcements will be made prior to the next meeting.

For more information about the NEACT or future meetings, please contact Glenis Harrison at (541) 963-3179.

An Area Commission on Transportation is an advisory body chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission to help address all aspects of transportation. More information about ACTs is available at the ODOT website at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/act_main.shtml.

DA's Report

The Morrow County DA's office reports handling the following business:

Kenneth Marion Stookey admitted to violation of probation allegations for Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Stookey's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to 12 days in jail and completion of a drug package.

Paul Stanton Pfenning was convicted of Theft-2, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, 40 hours community service and payment of \$913 in fines and fees.

James Gary Johnson admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Johnson's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was

Cant Ranch history program to be held

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted program at the historic James Cant Ranch. This one-hour program will feature aspects of the human history of the ranch and John Day region.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the James Cant

sentenced to 10 days in jail and an extension of one year on his probation from the original date of expiration.

Maria Elena Montez admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Montez's probations was revoked and reinstated and she was sentenced to 10 days in jail, however, the 10 days were suspended on the condition she successfully complete the Umatilla County Drug Treatment Court Program.

Martin Smith pled guilty to Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 80 hours community service, 18 months formal probation, completion of a drug package and payment of \$1421 in fines and fees.

Ranch house and museum, located on Highway 19 two miles north of the intersection with Highway 26.

There is no fee and participants should bring walking shoes and clothing suitable for the outdoors.

For further information, please call 987-2333.

Public-use restrictions eased on the Umatilla National Forest

Due to recent changes in the weather and an extended forecast of cooler temperatures and possible precipitation, public-use restrictions prohibiting the use of chainsaws, generators and other internal combustion engines have been lifted on the Umatilla National Forest. Campfire, smoking and off-road travel restrictions will remain in effect for the time being.

"We're all cheering at the arrival of the fall rains—the first sign that a long fire season may be drawing to a close," said Bill Aney, Fire Staff Officer. "However, the woods are still very dry and it will take a series of rain storms to really change this. We need everyone to continue to be very careful with fire."

Firewood cutting is now allowed on the Umatilla National Forest, although woodcutters should be aware that a large area closure, affecting wood cutting areas on the Pomeroy Ranger District, remains in effect in the vicinity of the Columbia Complex Fire. Firewood cutters are reminded to carry an axe, shovel and an 8 oz. or more capacity fire extinguisher when visiting the Forest.

Current restrictions prohibit the building and tending of open campfires, including charcoal briquettes, cooking fires and warming fires until further notice, except in fire pits at designated recreation sites (recreation sites are listed below). Permissible sources of heat include pressurized gas stoves and space-heating devices for those rare cool nights. "We average about 10 human caused fires this time of year... and on the wrong day, an unattended campfire can get up and run," said Aney.

Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings, developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area cleared of all flammable material.

Travel restrictions prohibit motor vehicles traveling off of developed

Forest roads and trails, except for the purposes of going to or from campsites located within 300 feet of an open road. Vehicles must still abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to the area of travel.

If unsure of which restrictions apply, please contact the Umatilla National Forest Office at (541) 278-3716. Specific closure and public-use restriction information is available online at www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/.

Public Use & Campfire Restrictions: Campers are cautioned to be extremely careful when using fires only in the following designated recreation sites on the Umatilla National Forest:

North Fork John Day Ranger District: Bear Wallow Campground; Olive Lake Campground; North Fork John Day Campground; Frazier Campground; Lane Creek Campground; and Winom Creek Campground.

Walla Walla Ranger District: Jubilee Lake Campground; Woodland Campground; Target Meadows Campground; Mottet Campground; Woodward Campground; Umatilla Forks Campground; and Approved Campfire Pits in the Spout Springs and Tollgate Summer Homes Tract.

Heppner Ranger District: Bull Prairie Campground.

Pomeroy Ranger District: Boundary Campground; Panjab Campground; Tucannon Campground; Godman Campground; Big Springs Campground; Teal Campground; Misery Springs Campground; Wickiup Campground; Spruce Springs Campground; Alder Thicket Campground; Lady Bug Campground; Pataha Campground; Panjab Trailhead; Teepee Trailhead; Meadow Creek Trailhead; Clearwater Cabin Rentals; Godman Cabin Rental; Wenatchee Cabin Rental; and Approved Campfire Pits at Summer Homes.

Wheatland opens new office on Main Street

Wheatland Insurance has moved into its new location at 294 Main Street in Heppner, said Wheatland Insurance owner/partner/Heppner branch manager Nancy Snider.

The new office building, sporting approximately 1800 square feet was built to better suit the needs of Wheatland's customers. The old office space, which only had 660 square feet, did not allow for

much privacy. The new building contains separate offices that provide privacy for clients and a better working atmosphere for employees.

Wheatland Insurance, which has been in business since 1984, has been in Heppner since November 2000. Snider hopes the opening of the new office building will show the community that the business is invested in Heppner.

Local student make honor roll at Oregon State

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll summer term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 153 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 230 earned a

B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included: 3.5 or Better: Jesse N. Steele, of Irrigon, Senior, Environmental Science.

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